

agency of a State or local government, or that by virtue of such a relationship or any prior relationship its students will receive preferred consideration in obtaining employment with such a government or any of its agencies.

(8) Represent directly or indirectly that certain individuals or classes of individuals are bona fide working members of its faculty, or are members of its advisory board, or have played an active part in the preparation of its instruction materials, unless such is the fact, or misrepresent in any manner, directly or by implication, the extent or nature of the association of any person with the school or the courses offered.

(9) Misrepresent the nature and extent of any personal instruction, guidance, assistance, or other attention it will provide for its students either during a course or after completion of a course.

(b) An industry member should not represent directly or indirectly that it is a nonprofit organization unless such is the fact.

(c) An industry member should not falsely represent that it is affiliated with or otherwise connected with a public or private religious or charitable organization.

(d) An industry member should not falsely or deceptively represent that a course has been recently revised, or that it has a revision system or service, or misrepresent in any manner, its facilities, procedures, or ability to keep a course current. [Guide 4]

§ 254.5 Misrepresentation of enrollment qualifications or limitations.

(a) An industry member should not misrepresent the nature or extent of any prerequisites it has established for enrollment in a course or program of instruction. For example, it should not:

(1) Represent that a course is available only to those having a high school diploma or other specific educational qualifications, unless the sale of such a course is limited to persons possessing generally acceptable evidence of such a diploma or educational qualifications.

(2) Represent that only those who make an acceptable grade or complete successfully a certain test or examina-

tion will be admitted, if in fact enrollments are not thus limited.

(3) Falsely represent that it will accept for enrollment only a limited number of persons or a limited number of persons from a certain geographical area.

(4) Falsely represent that applications for enrollment will be considered for only a limited period of time, or that they must be submitted by a certain date.

(b) An industry member should not falsely represent that the lack of a high school education or prior training or experience is not a handicap or impediment to successful completion of a course.

(c) An industry member should endeavor to establish the qualifications which an applicant should have to assimilate successfully the subject matter of the course. Applicants should be informed of these prerequisites, and those who are not so qualified should not be enrolled. [Guide 5]

§ 254.6 Deceptive use of diplomas, degrees, or certificates.

(a) An industry member should not issue a degree, diploma, certificate of completion, or any document of similar import, which misrepresents directly or indirectly the subject matter, substance or content of the course of study or any other material fact concerning the course for which it was awarded or the accomplishments of the student to whom it was awarded.

(b) An industry member should not offer or confer an academic, professional, or occupational degree, if the award of such degree has not been authorized by the appropriate State educational agency or approved by a nationally recognized accrediting agency, unless it clearly and conspicuously discloses in all advertising and promotional materials which contain a reference to such degree that its award has not been authorized or approved by such an agency.

(c) An industry member should not offer or confer a high school diploma unless the program of instruction to which it pertains is substantially equivalent to that offered by a resident secondary school, and unless the student is informed by means of a clear